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SUBJECT: GENERAL MURDANI'S VIEWS ON EAST TIMOR

1. GOI DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ASSISTANT FOR INTELLIGENCE
GENERAL MURDANI TOLD ME MAY 11 THAT WHILE THERE ARE STILL PROBLEMS,
THE SECURITY SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR IS IMPROVING. THE
WESTERN SECTOR OF THE INLAND MOUNTAINOUS AREA HAS
BEEN CLEARED OF FRETILIN GUERRILLAS. HE EXPECTED THE
EASTERN AREA TO BE CLEARED BY AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER.
THIS WOULD LEAVE THE CENTRAL PORTION TO BE HANDLED DURING
LATE 1978 AND EARLY 1979.

2. MURDANI ADDED THAT THE GOI EXPECTS ORGANIZED DISSIDENT
ACTIVITY TO BE ENDED BY THE SPRING OF 1979, AND PLANS TO
DISESTABLISH THE SPECIAL MILITARY COMMAND IN EAST TIMOR ON
APRIL 1 OF THAT YEAR. AT THIS TIME, COINCIDING WITH THE
INITIATION OF THE THIRD FIVE YEAR PLAN, THE MILITARY
STRUCTURE IN EAST TIMOR WOULD BE REDUCED TO A REGULAR
MILITARY SUB-AREA COMMAND (KOREM) IN CHARGE OF A LIEUTENANT
COLONEL.
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